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Letter dated 10 March 2009 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to Haiti from 11 to 14 March 2009. The mission will be led by Jorge Urbina of Costa Rica. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission, which are annexed hereto (see annex).

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission will be as follows:

Jorge Urbina (Costa Rica), Head of Mission
Thomas Mayr-Harting (Austria)
Bonaventure Koudougou (Burkina Faso)
Zhang Yesui (China)
Vice Skračić (Croatia)
Jean-Pierre Lacroix (France)
Yukio Takasu (Japan)
Esam Ganbour (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
Claude Heller (Mexico)
Konstantin Dolgov (Russian Federation)
Fazli Corman (Turkey)
Ruhakana Rugunda (Uganda)
Nicholas Williams (United Kingdom)
Susan Rice (United States)
Le Luong Minh (Viet Nam)

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim **Dabbashi**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Terms of reference for the Security Council mission to Haiti, from 11 to 14 March 2009

The terms of reference of the mission, led by Jorge Urbina (Costa Rica), are as follows:

(a) To reaffirm the Security Council's continued support for the Government and people of Haiti to rebuild their country, consolidate peace and stability and promote recovery and sustainable development, bearing in mind the significant setbacks which occurred in 2008;

(b) To express strong support for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and their efforts to improve stability and governance in Haiti;

(c) To reiterate the importance of immediate, medium- and long-term sustained efforts and appropriate international and regional support to consolidate peace, stability and development in Haiti, while bearing in mind the ownership and primary responsibility of the Government and people of Haiti;

(d) To assess the status of implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 1840 (2008), and to review the progress made by the Government of Haiti, with the assistance of the international community, in particular the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, in addressing the interconnected challenges they face in the areas of security, including security sector reform; border management; institutional support and governance, including elections and reform processes; rule of law; human rights; and economic and social development;

(e) To urge the Government of Haiti to intensify its efforts to promote an effective and all-inclusive political dialogue aimed at national reconciliation, good governance and sustainable development;

(f) To review and assess the engagement of the Government of Haiti and the cooperation of Member States, including neighbouring and regional States, in coordination with MINUSTAH, to address cross-border illicit trafficking of persons, drugs, arms and other illegal activities;

(g) To review the progress achieved so far and to assess the state of planning and implementation, of the upcoming electoral processes;

(h) To underline the importance of mutual commitments made by the international community and Haiti and to convey the importance of the upcoming donor conference to be held in April 2009, as well as the need to see all pledges made promptly disbursed;

(i) To evaluate and discuss with the Government of Haiti the situation and progress in addressing the overall humanitarian situation in the country, including the food security situation, and its implications for security, socio-economic development and stability;

(j) To review the steps taken to establish a disaster and risk reduction strategy, taking into account the damage to the agricultural and infrastructure sectors

arising from the hurricanes and tropical storms that struck Haiti in 2008 and the findings of the post-disaster and needs assessment conducted in this regard;

(k) To review and assess the level of cooperation, coordination and mutual support between MINUSTAH and the United Nations country team and to consult the Government of Haiti and international partners in this regard, including in the area of socio-economic development and the implementation of the national strategy for growth and poverty reduction paper;

(l) To assess and continue to encourage the implementation of quick-impact projects to complement security and development operations undertaken by the Haitian authorities with the support of MINUSTAH and the country team;

(m) To underline the importance of the contribution of regional organizations and mechanisms in the ongoing process of stabilization, reconstruction and development of Haiti, in particular the Organization of American States, the Caribbean Community, the Consultative Group 2x9 and the Working Group for the Latin American coordination and cooperation with the Haitian National Police;

(n) To reaffirm the crucial importance of advancing towards the consolidation of stability in Haiti, with particular emphasis in the consolidation plan of the Secretary-General as endorsed by the Security Council;

(o) To draw insights from lessons learned on MINUSTAH that can inform consideration by the Council members of broader systemic and peacekeeping issues in connection with the Council's ongoing review of peacekeeping operations.